

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2014-346-WS ORDER NO. 2021-20-H

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of Daufuskie Island Utility Company, Incorporated for Approval of an Increase for Water and Sewer Rates, Terms and Conditions

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of the Parties to Hold Pre-Filing Dates in Abeyance So As to Facilitate Settlement Negotiations

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

The Parties in this case have requested that the remaining pre-filing deadlines be held in abeyance in this case, so that the Parties can continue to attempt to reach a Settlement of the issues. The pre-filing dates were established in Order No. 2021-15-H, and required the pre-filing of Rebuttal testimony on February 16, 2021 and Surrebuttal Testimony on February 24, 2021. The Parties state that they have been engaging in Settlement negotiations aimed at reaching a Settlement Agreement that all parties can jointly present to the Commission for approval.

The parties have stated good cause for holding the noted pre-filing dates in abeyance, since they are involved in settlement negotiations. Accordingly, the pre-filing dates of February 16, 2021 for Rebuttal and February 24, 2021 for Surrebuttal are hereby held in abeyance.

The Parties are attempting to reach a Settlement in time for an expedited hearing and order of the Commission prior to March 1, 2021. In connection with such a proposed expedited hearing, the Parties have offered to pre-file brief testimony in support of the proposed Settlement, along with a Proposed Order. Since the exact dates of the Settlement and/or proposed hearing cannot now be determined, this Chief Hearing Officer will not rule on these matters at this time. However, the parties shall file the testimony in support of the proposed Settlement, along with a proposed Order, prior to any consideration of the matter by the Commission. The testimony that is filed must be verified.

This completes the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.